

IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) A computer method for editing a form, comprising:
 - displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of a link from the form to another location, and a link from the form to another file;
 - upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presenting the control for user interaction; and
 - upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the form is a database query.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the element is part of a calculation.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the element is part of a formula.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control is a list of choices.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control is a dialog box.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control is a text entry field.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein

the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

11. (Currently amended) A computer system for editing a form, comprising:

a user interface for displaying information to a user and for accepting input from the user;

a hyperlink displayed on the user interface for an element in the form, to indicate to the user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of a link from the form to another location, and a link from the form to another file;

upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control displayed on the user interface for user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, a new element responsive to user action replacing the element.

12. (Original) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

13. (Currently amended) A computer program product for editing a form, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

displays a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of a link from the form to another location, and a link from the form to another file;

upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presents the control for user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the element with a new element responsive to user action.

14. (Currently amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave for editing a form, comprising:

a program code segment for displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of a link from the form to another location, and a link from the form to another file;

a program code segment for presenting, upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control for user interaction; and

a program code segment for replacing, upon completion of user interaction with the control, the element with a new element responsive to user action.

15. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 11, wherein the form is a database query.

16. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 11, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.

17. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 11, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

18. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 11, wherein the element is part of a formula.

19. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 11, wherein the control is a list of choices.

20. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 19, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.
21. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 11, wherein the control is a dialog box.
22. (Previously presented) The computer of Claim 11, wherein the control is a text entry field.
23. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the form is a database query.
24. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.
25. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the element is part of a calculation.
26. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the element is part of a formula.
27. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the control is a list of choices.
28. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.
29. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the control is a dialog box.

30. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein the control is a text entry field.

31. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, further comprising program code which:

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein
the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

32. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the form is a database query.

33. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.

34. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

35. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the element is part of a formula.

36. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the control is a list of choices.

37. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 36, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

38. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the control is a dialog box.

39. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, wherein the control is a text entry field.

40. (Previously presented) The computer data signal of Claim 14, further comprising:
a program code segment for replacing, upon completion of user interaction with the control, the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

41. (Currently amended) A computer system for editing a form, comprising:
means for displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of a link from the form to another location, and a link from the form to another file;

means for presenting the control for user interaction in response to a selection of the hyperlink by the user; and

means for replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action in response to completion of user interaction with the control.

42. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the form is a database query.

43. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the form is a spreadsheet.

44. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

45. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the element is part of a formula.

46. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the control is a list of choices.

47. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 46, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

48. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the control is a dialog box.

49. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, wherein the control is a text entry field.

50. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 41, further comprising:
means for replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action in response to completion of user interaction with the control, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.